

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

19. (Currently Amended) A method for determining the presence or amount of a nucleic acid molecule or the complement of said nucleic acid molecule in a sample, said nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 24 and further comprising nucleotides 45-54 of SEQ ID NO:23 or a variant thereof, wherein said variant comprises a nucleic acid sequence wherein one nucleotide is changed from the nucleotides 45-54 of SEQ ID NO:23, ~~or the complement of said nucleic acid sequence,~~ said method comprising:
 - (a) providing said sample;
 - (b) introducing said sample to a probe that binds to said nucleic acid molecule or said complement, wherein said probe binds to at least nucleotides 45-56 of SEQ ID NO: 23 or the complement thereof; and
 - (c) determining the presence or amount of said probe bound to said nucleic acid molecule,thereby determining the presence or amount of the nucleic acid molecule in said sample.
80. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 24 and further comprises nucleotides 35-54 of SEQ ID NO:23 or a variant thereof ~~further comprises nucleotides 35-54 of SEQ ID NO:23, or a variant thereof,~~ wherein said variant comprises a nucleic acid wherein one nucleotide is changed from nucleotides 35-54 ~~35-45~~ of SEQ ID NO:23.
81. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 24 and further comprises nucleotides 25-54 of SEQ ID NO:23 or a variant thereof ~~further comprises nucleotides 25-54 of SEQ ID NO:23, or a variant thereof,~~ wherein said variant comprises a nucleic acid wherein one nucleotide is changed from nucleotides 25-54 of SEQ ID NO:23.
82. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 24 and further comprises nucleotides 15-54 of SEQ ID NO:23 or a variant thereof ~~further comprises nucleotides 15-54 of SEQ ID NO:23, or a variant thereof,~~ wherein said variant comprises a nucleic acid wherein one nucleotide is changed from nucleotides 15-54 of SEQ ID NO:23.
83. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 24 and

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further comprises nucleotides 1-54 of SEQ ID NO:23 or a variant thereof ~~further comprises nucleotides 1-54 of SEQ ID NO:23, or a variant thereof~~, wherein said variant comprises a nucleic acid wherein one nucleotide is changed from nucleotides 1-54 of SEQ ID NO:23.